

House Bill 2497

Sponsored by Representative OWENS, Senator FINDLEY (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Directs State Court Administrator to fund assessment of courthouses in small counties.

Requires state to provide funding for courthouses not in need of replacement. Requires state to build new courthouse to replace courthouses in need of replacement.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to courthouses.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Court Administrator shall fund the assessment of courthouses**
5 **in each county with a population of less than 50,000. The assessment must examine the vi-**
6 **ability of maintaining the use of the current courthouse for the next 75 years.**

7 **(2) If the assessment performed under subsection (1) of this section indicates that a**
8 **courthouse in a county should not be replaced, the state, by and through the Oregon De-**
9 **partment of Administrative Services, shall provide funding for technology, security and**
10 **courthouse infrastructure so that the courthouse can be used for the next 25 years.**

11 **(3)(a) If the assessment performed under subsection (1) of this section indicates that a**
12 **courthouse in a county should be replaced, the state, acting by and through the Oregon De-**
13 **partment of Administrative Services, shall purchase property and build a new courthouse**
14 **that will meet the needs of the county for at least 75 years.**

15 **(b) The state shall lease space in a courthouse built under this subsection to the county**
16 **at a rate that equals 50 percent of the market rate for commercial space in the county.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.